

**ACCR Committee Minutes**

**Date:** November 16, 2008

**Committee Name:** **Education Committee**

Co-Chair(s): Dennis Hughes          Sandy Beahm

Note Taker: William Boyce

Attendees: Danette Veahman, William Boyce, Terri Bishop, Mike Gruber, Vanessa N. Mayers, Sarah Goldstein, Dennis Hughes, Sandy Beahm

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Welcome/Introductions: Co-Chair Dennis Hughes called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were not available.

Review of Agenda: Agenda distributed and reviewed.

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Announcements and Discussion:

- Message Carriers: 'Tree of Life' event to be held on the court house step Thursday at 11:00am. All are invited.
- Certified Peer Specialist Certification training November 5 & November 12, 2008 information contact: William Boyce Allegheny County Office of Behavioral
- 11/5 email (Meg Park) referenced/celebrated letter to the editor in Post Gazette. Letter by Denise Weis "Let's do the right thing with Mayview" was circulated. Go Denise!
- ELI (Emerging Leadership Institute) Vanessa discussed forming a subcommittee to review the program; its focus such as individuals to seek paid employment or volunteers; length of the training (2 days); application process. Targeting mid-January 2009 to have a class. Bill, Dennis, Terri volunteered for the subcommittee. Group scheduled a meeting Thursday 12/4 at 10:30 am MHA 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room.
- Discussed a retirement party for Virginia Suplee. Sarah will make a card and Sandy will contact Virginia for a date.
- Education Committee meeting time, location, parking and lunch were discussed. The committee decided to continue to meet at the same time and location without lunch provided. Individuals are welcomed to bring their own lunch to the meetings. Sarah will check with Community Care regarding parking stickers.
- Education Committee budget was distributed.
- ACCR Hope and Change Booklet. 29,000 (\$8,551) booklets have been printed. Bill distributed the ACCR Hope and Change Booklet Work Plan and discussed distribution. He also presented a draft of a letter that could be mailed with the booklets and the order form. Discussed mailing 'cold'

or adding a personal touch; testimonial. Other areas suggested for distribution: beauty shops; nail; Social Security office; fitness centers; DPW; corporation/bank/CEO. Also discussed cost of mailing.

- Copyright of ACCR Hope and Change booklet. Mike will follow up with the copyright process.
  - Dennis discussed his recruitment efforts with Magee Hospital and WPIC. Also discussed the impact of stigma.
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Next meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2008 12:30pm-2:00pm  
Community Care @ One Chatham Center (7<sup>th</sup> Floor)